

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge (part-time) William H. Askey**

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**William H. Askey**

Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1919  
Education: Bucknell 1941 BA; Pittsburgh 1951 JD  
Began Service: June 21, 1971  
Term Expires: June 20, 2007

**Government:** United States Commissioner (1964-1971)

**Military Service:** United States Army Air Force (1941-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association (Honorary); Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lycoming Law Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

**Staff**

Administrative Assistant **Mary H. Bower** ..... (570) 323-6380  
Education: Lycoming 1960 BS  
Administrative Assistant **Deborah M. LeFeber** ..... (570) 323-6380  
Education: Elmira 1977 BA

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 2

**Court Staff**

Clerk **Arlene Byers** ..... (717) 901-2800  
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**John J. Thomas**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Dickinson 1972 JD  
Began Service: January 10, 1992  
Term Expires: January 10, 2006

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Pennsylvania State University (1987-1992)

**Government:** Public Defender, Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1974-1985); First Assistant Public Defender, Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1984-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1972-1986); Private Practice (1986-1992)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Institute; Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Richard P. Rogers** ..... (570) 826-6336  
Education: Temple 1983 JD  
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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Mary D. France**

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**Mary D. France**

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 3, 2003

**Staff**

Law Clerk **John D. Kelly** ..... (717) 901-2846

**United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 7

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland

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**Chambers of Chief Judge Donetta W. Ambrose**

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**Donetta W. Ambrose**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Duquesne 1967 BA, 1970 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania (1970); Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1971-1972)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1977-1981)

**Judicial:** Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (1982-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Ambrose & Ambrose (1974-1981)

**Current Memberships:** Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Commission on Women in the Profession; Westmoreland County Bar Association; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Carolyn Allen** ..... (412) 208-7355  
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Education: Duquesne 1993 JD

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**Joy Flowers Conti**

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1948  
Education: Duquesne 1970 BA, 1973 JD  
Began Service: August 30, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law (1976-1982)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Justice Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1973-1974)

**Corporate:** Editor-in-Chief, Duquesne Law Review; Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll (1996-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1974-1976); Partner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1983-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Allegheny County Bar Association; Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Fellow; American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, Fellow; American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, Fellow; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania; American Inn of Court (Pittsburgh Chapter)

**Staff**

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**David Stewart Cercone**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Westminster (PA) 1974 BA; Duquesne 1977 JD  
Began Service: September 12, 2002

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, Robert Morris College (1993-1995)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Paul R. Zavarella, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (1978-1979)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Allegheny County District Attorney's Office (1979-1981)

**Judicial:** District Justice, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1982-1985)

**Staff**

Courtroom Deputy Clerk **Nancy Trapani** ..... (412) 208-7363  
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